IN A LAND TO THE DISTANT NORTH, A NOSTALGIC MEMORY FROM LONG AGO—

LISTEN UP, GUYS.

BOOZE IS SOMETHING COOL GROWNUPS DRINK.

THAT MEANS THOSE WHO DRINK BOOZE ARE ADULTS.

ONCE THIS GETS ON YOUR LIPS, YOU'RE NO LONGER KIDS!

YOU'LL BE ONE OF US COOL GROWNUPS.

AND COOL GROWNUPS NEVER BETRAY EACH OTHER!

BOOZE MEANS MAKING THAT VOW TOO.

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YEAH!

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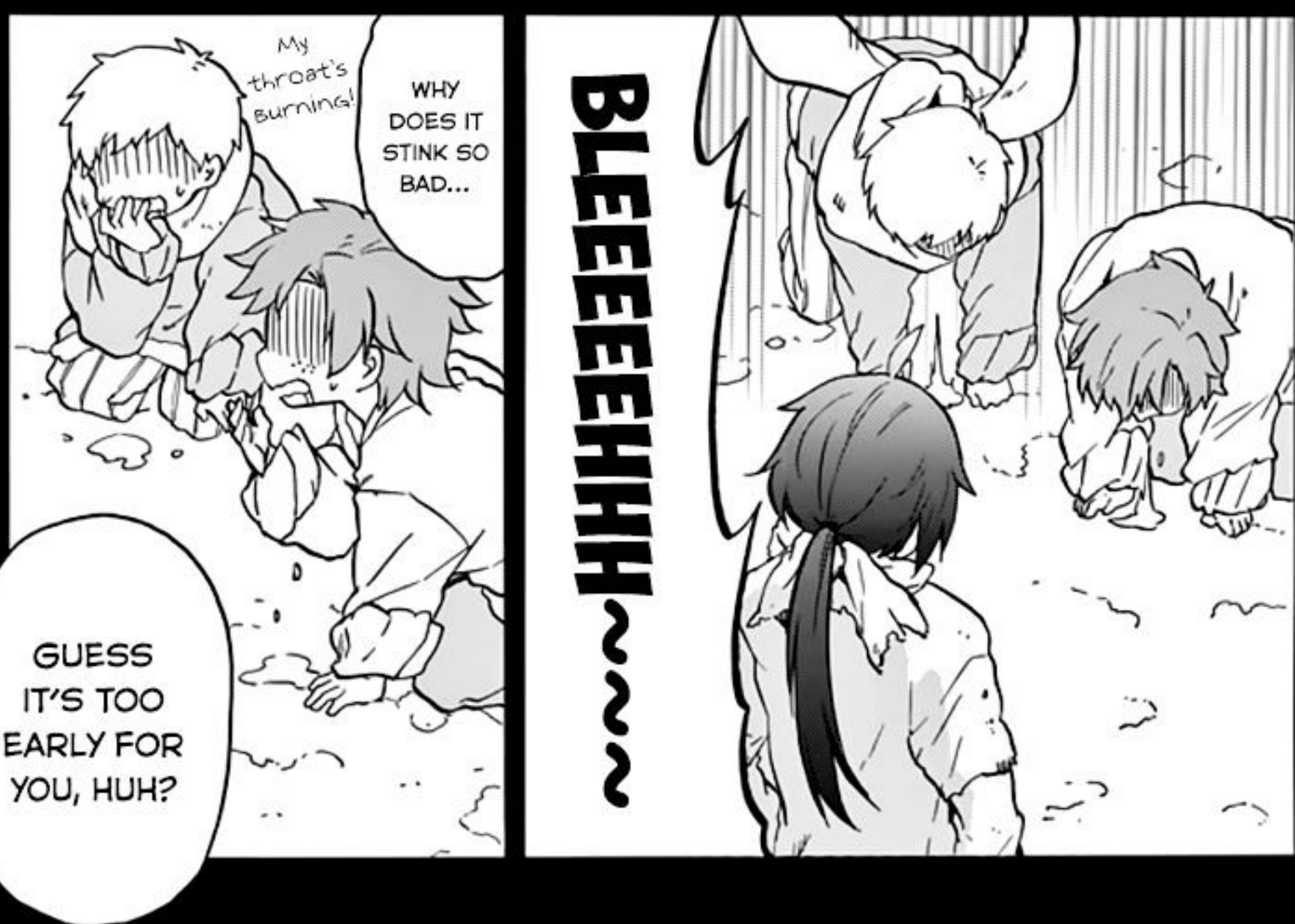
ARE YOU READY TO DO THAT!?

WE'RE READY!


BLEEEEEHHHH~~~~
WHY DOES IT STINK SO BAD...
My throat's burning!
GUESS IT'S TOO EARLY FOR YOU, HUH?

SO THAT MEANS ME AND ALICE'LL HAVE TO PROTECT YOU FOR ANOTHER ONE!

WE'LL TRY IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

I SAY SO, BUT YUURI, YOU'RE A BAD GROWNUP.

HEHEHE, LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE BECOMING COOL GROWNUPS, HUH?

TIMUR AND CONDRA ARE BOTH STILL SIX, SO YOU KNEW THEY COULDN'T DRINK THAT STUFF, RIGHT?

LETTING THEM OVER-REACH WILL MAKE THEM STRONGER.

IT'S FINE.

HEY! YUURI!

WHO DON'T HAVE PARENTS, GOTTA GROW UP QUICK.

STREET KIDS LIKE US,

YOU'RE HAVING THE CHILDREN DRINK ALCOHOL AGAIN!
CRAP! IT'S THE SISTER!
EVERY-ONE RUN FOR IT!
STOP RIGHT THERE YOU EVIL BRAT!
IF YOU DON'T COME BACK, YOU'RE NOT GETTING TODAY'S SOUP!
LEADER WAS FOR-CING US TO DRINK!
WHA!?
YOU GUYS!? I'LL REMEMBER THIS!
STOP, YUURI!
HA HA HA.

SISTER ALICE!

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YES, NATASHA?

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THIS...

P-PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PRESENT!

OH, HOW BEAUTI-FULLY SEWN.

YOU REALLY PUT IN THE EFFORT, RIGHT?

I SEE ...

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WORKING HARD IN THE COLD...

BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS

IT'S WARM...

AHAHA...

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR TEN-YEAR-OLDS LIKE ME AND YUURI TO RAISE FIVE LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

BY THE SISTER'S CHARITY, WE STAYED IN THE STOREHOUSE.

THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD WANT MORE.

LIVING NESTLED TOGETHER WITH PRECIOUS FRIENDS.

IF TOMORROW COULD BE AS PEACEFUL, AND EVERY DAY AFTER THAT—

AHH,

IF ONLY—

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A TALE OF WORST ONE
OIGINAL WORK: RIKU MISORA
MANGA: MEGUMU SORAMICHI
CHARACTER DESIGN: WON
THE NEWEST TANKOUBON, VOLUME 8, IS SCHEDULED FOR SALE JAN. 12!
WARM MEMORIES
DEEP WITHIN A COLD HEART—
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YAMAGATA PREFECTURE
KYOMON ACADEMY TRAINING CAMP FACILITY

KUH!

WHEN WE'RE IN CLOSE RANGE, MY KATHARTERIO SALAMANDRA LOSES IN SPEED.

HER SWORDS-MANSHIP IS LIKE I THOUGHT...

THEN I HAVE TO USE MY FINAL TACTIC!

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AND THAT'S AN OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGE FOR ME, WITH MY HIGH MAGIC CAPACITY!
EAT THIS!
THIS FIGHT WILL BE A LONG-DISTANCE EXCHANGE OF MAGIC.

DRAGON FANG!
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SHE TOOK THE BAIT!

RAIKIRI

THIS MATCH ENDS...

LIKE I PLANNED, TOUKA-SAN JUST UNLEASHED RAIKIRI.

WHICH MEANS RIGHT NOW SHE'S DEFENSE-LESS.

HERE...
SHE TURNED HER BODY WITH THE FORCE FROM RAIKIRI TO MAKE A SECOND ATTACK?!
WHA...

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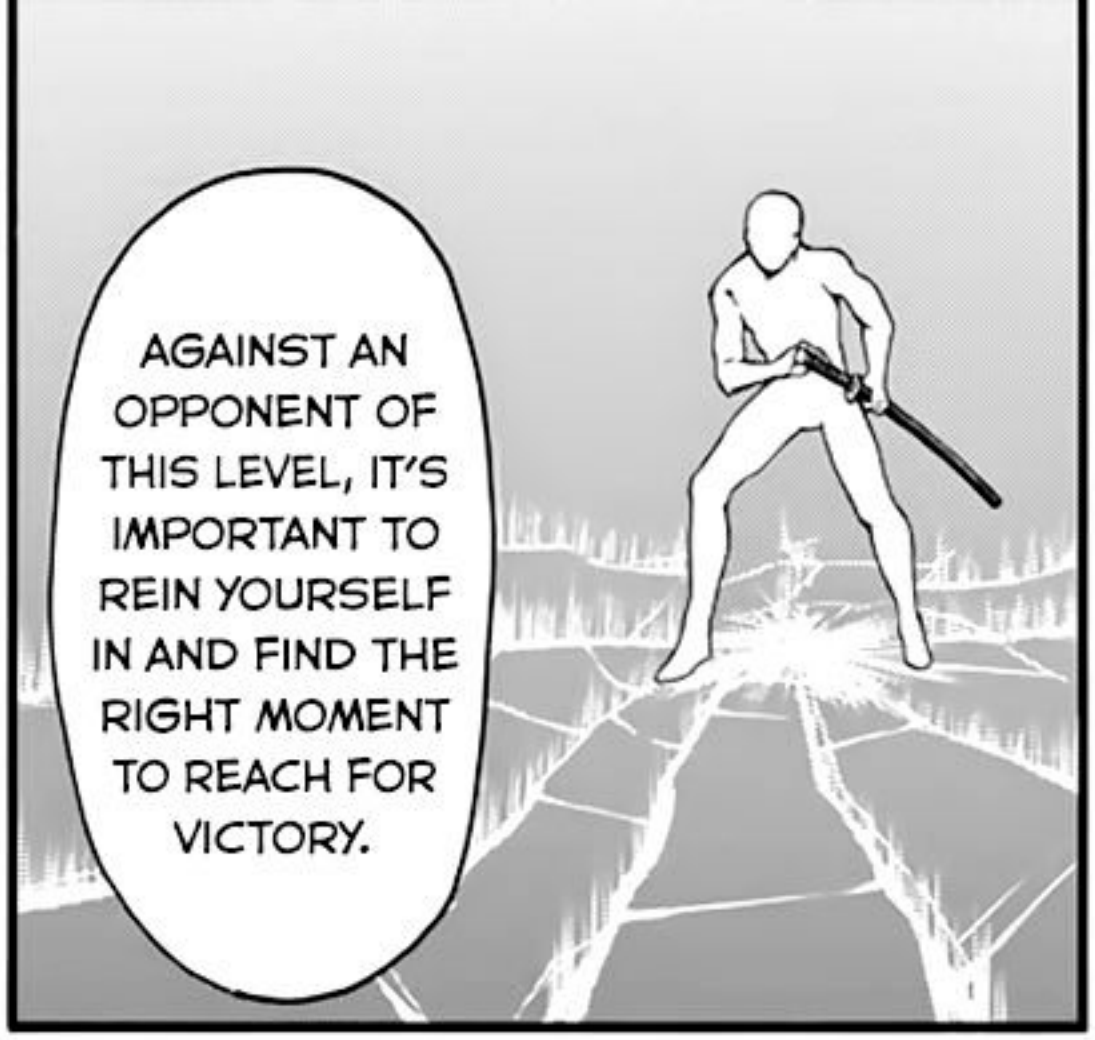
BUT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL,

THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN CALMLY USE THEIR OWN WEAKNESS TO LAY A TRAP.

ATTACKING THE ENEMY'S WEAKNESS IS FUNDAMENTALLY CORRECT.


AGAINST AN OPPONENT OF THIS LEVEL, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REIN YOURSELF IN AND FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT TO REACH FOR VICTORY.

THE SEVEN STARS SWORD KING, MOROBOSHI-SAN, IS THE SAME WAY OF COURSE.

YOU'RE NOT QUITE THERE YET, STELLA-SAN.

YEP. BUT THAT WAS AN EXCITING MOCK BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM!

OH MY, STELLA-CHAN LOST.

URK...

KAGAMI'S ARMBAND: HAGUN NEWSPAPER CLUB

HUH, NO WAYYY. WHAT A LET-DOWN.

ARMBAND BELOW: BUNKYOKU NEWSPAPER CLUB

THE CRIMSON PRINCESS WAS ACTUALLY WEAK! NOW WE CAN'T GET AN ARTICLE OUT OF IT!

YEAH... RAIKIRI BEAT HER DECISIVELY! AND I GOT ALL HYPED TOO...

Got some good photos~!

IN THE LAST THIRD OF JULY, WE HAVE A LONG HOLIDAY,

AND WE'RE SPENDING IT AT KYOMON ACADEMY'S FACILITY FOR JOINT TRAINING WITH THE SWORD-ART FESTIVAL REPRESENTATIVES.

THE REASON FOR THE DEFEAT WASN'T STELLA-CHAN'S WEAK-NESS.

BLOW BY BLOW, STELLA-CHAN'S ATTACK POWER AND SPEED ARE IMPECCABLY FIRST-RATE.

SHE'S FAR STRONGER THAN RAIKIRI.

WHERE WERE THE BUNKYOKU PEOPLE LOOKING?

SHEESH,

EXPECTATIONS CLOUDED THEIR EYES TO THE TRUTH IN FRONT OF THEM.

REALLY,

WELL WELL, EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GONNA SAY.

THOSE TWO DON'T DESERVE TO BE CALLED REPORTERS.

LETTING AN OPPORTUNITY GET AWAY EVEN THOUGH THEY CAME ALONG TO THIS TRAINING CAMP,

OF COURSE WE DID. EVEN IF IT'S A MOCK BATTLE, MISSING A FIGHT BETWEEN THOSE TWO WOULD BE A DISGRACE TO REPORTERS.

YAGOKORO-SAN AND KOMIYAMA-SAN, YOU TWO CAME TO WATCH?

THEY'RE HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL THAT YOU COULD CHARGE MONEY TO WATCH THEM!

HAGUN'S REPS ARE ALL EXCELLENT THIS YEAR, HUH KUSAKABE?

Nice to meetcha~

THIS IS YAGOKORO-SAN FROM THE BUKYOKU ACADEMY NEWSPAPER CLUB.

AND KOMIYAMA-SAN FROM DONROU ACADEMY'S NEWSPAPER CLUB.

KAGAMIN, WHO ARE THEY?

YAGOKORO, THAT'S RUDE.

AHAHA, I DON'T MIND.

BOTH FLOWERS AND WOMEN SHOULD BE ADMIRED.

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HAA, BUT YOU'RE A REAL LADY-KILLER, AREN'TCHA?

THAT FACE ALONE MAKES ME WANNA EAT YOU UP.

YAGOKORO'S ARMBAND: BUKYOKU NEWSPAPER CLUB

YOU'RE MIIINE!

YEAH, ALICE IS THAT KIND OF PERSON, SO DON'T MIND IT.

W... WOMEN ...?

I... I'LL BE DISCREET.

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HUP.
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AH?
WHOAAAH?

AHH!
GYA!
BOTAN-CHAN, YOU?
OOH...
I SKINNED MY ARM A BIT.
ARE YOU TWO...
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I'M OKAY...
SHI-ZUKU.

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YES.

PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME, ONII-SAMA.

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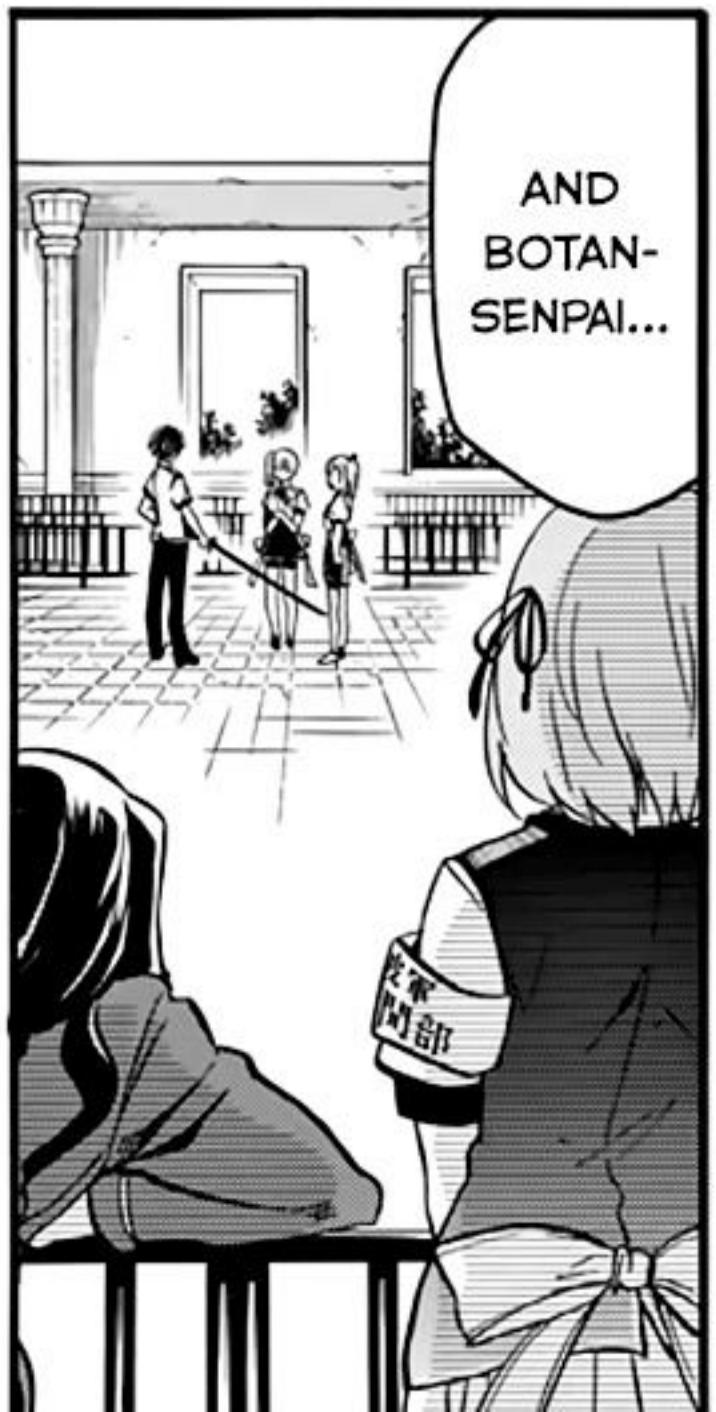

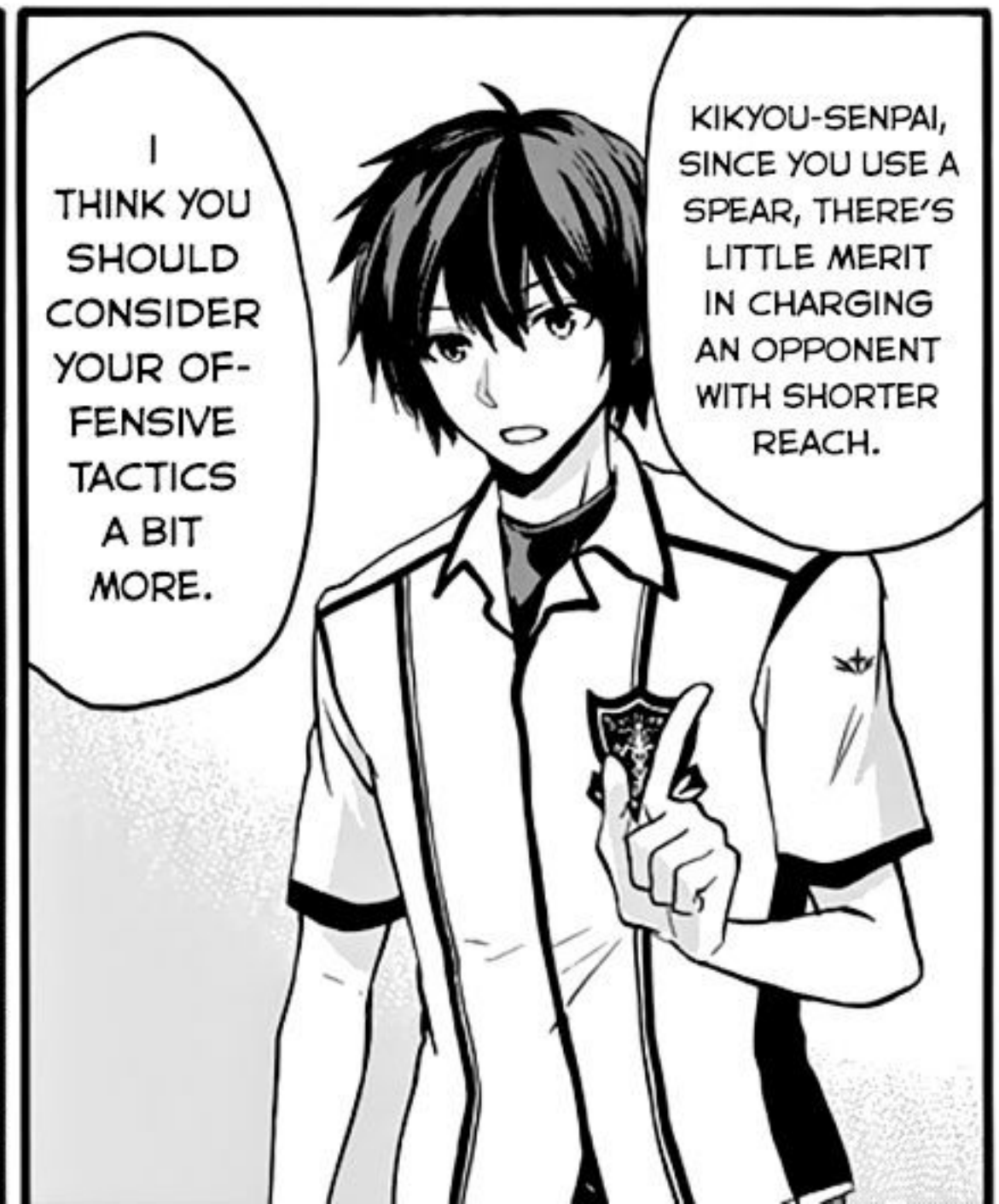

KAGAMI-CHAN, ARE THOSE HAGURE SISTERS WEAK?

DOESN'T IT FEEL MORE LIKE IKKI'S FOLLOWING ALONG WITH THEIR TRAINING RATHER THAN A MOCK BATTLE?

NO WAY!

THE WORST ONE REALLY IS A BIGGER DEAL THAN WE THOUGHT.

BUT STILL THEY'RE BEING TREATED LIKE CHILDREN, HUH?

THEY'RE KNIGHTS WHO WENT UNDEFEATED TWENTY TIMES AGAINST THOSE OF HIGHER RANK AT OUR ACADEMY, YOU KNOW.

AND HE HAS ENOUGH FREE TIME TO BE TRAINING OTHER PEOPLE.

NO, SENPAI JUST LIKES TO HELP PEOPLE OUT.

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WELL IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THEN KYOMON WOULD LOSE FACE,

SO I HEAR THEY'RE CALLING IN AN EMERGENCY SPECIALIST TO DO THE COACHING.

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ALL THE COACHES THAT KYOMON ARRANGED FOR, RIGHT?

BESIDES, IKKI'S ALREADY DEFEATED IN THREE DAYS

PILED CORPSES

EVEN THE PEERLESS BUKYOKU THAT'S MONOPOLIZED THE VICTOR'S PODIUM FOR SO LONG IS IN DANGER TOO.

HAGUN'S AMAZING THIS YEAR, HUH~

KOMIYAMA'S ARMBAND: DONROU NEWSPAPER CLUB

SPEAKING OF BUKYOKU, HASN'T AN UNBELIEVABLE PERSON ENTERED THE COMPETITION THIS YEAR?

WAIT, WAIT.

OUMA KUROGANE?

THE SWORD EMPEROR OF WIND...

YEAH, I WAS SURE THAT HE WOULDN'T APPEAR THIS YEAR EITHER.

WHEN I HEARD THAT THE A-RANK KNIGHT WHO FOR SOME REASON HADN'T ENTERED THE SEVEN STARS SWORD-ART FESTIVAL DURING HIS FIRST AND SECOND YEARS WAS FINALLY HAVING A FORMAL BATTLE IN HIS THIRD YEAR, I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.

AN ABNORMAL NUMBER OF RELATIVELY UNKNOWN FIRST-YEARS ARE ENTERING THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

STELLA-CHAN AND SENPAI...

AND ALSO ALICE-CHAN AS WELL.

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SO BUKYOKU IS TRYING TO IMPROVE ITS STRENGTH BY SENDING OUT THE SWORD EMPEROR OF WIND?

NO NO, THE SWORD EMPEROR'S NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO LISTENS TO THE ACADEMY.

THE SWORD EMPEROR OF WIND HIMSELF WISHED TO ENTER.

IT WASN'T THE ACADEMY THAT WANTED THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OVER THERE,
ISN'T THAT KYOMON'S REPRESENTATIVE CONTENDER, THE ICY SCORN?
IS THAT SO...
WHY WOULD HE SUDDENLY...
...HMM?
I GOTTA GET A COM-MENT!
IT IS!
GEH, KOMIYAN'S SO QUICK!
Empty

ALICE-CHAN, I'M GOING OVER THERE TOO...

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR HOG-GING HER TO YOURSELF!
WAIT FOR ME!

SORRY, KAGAMIN. MY MIND WANDERED OFF.

EH...

AH.

ALICE-CHAN?

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CAN YOU WAIT FOR ME HERE?

I WANT TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH ICY SCORN TOO.

IT'S PRETTY RARE FOR ALICE-CHAN TO BE DAYDREAM-ING.

THANKS!

SURE, THAT'S FINE. ON YOUR WAY THEN.

Haa...

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME TO STOP PLAYING FRIENDS...

TO BE CONTINUED 1/5

WHAT'S THE TRUE MEANING OF ALICE'S WORDS—?!